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For: IMAGING APPARATUS, IMAGING SYSTEM, CONTROL METHOD OF  
IMAGING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM WITH TIMING  
CONTROL FUNCTIONALITY (as amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the RCE application filed herewith, please amend the  
above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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